

IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Ballard C. Bare

Confirmation No.: 7323

Application No.: 09/228,087

Examiner: Kevin C. Harper

Filing Date: 01/11/1999

Group Art Unit: 2666

Title: BROADCAST TREE DETERMINATION IN LOAD BALANCING SWITCH PROTOCOLS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment *F* ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
(X) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
( ) No additional fee  
(X) Other: Return Postcard (fee \$ 302.00)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY       |  |                        |  |                         |             |                           |
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| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | (3)<br>NUMBER<br>EXTRA | (4)<br>HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEES |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                      | 38   | MINUS                  | 26   | = 12                    | X \$18      | \$ 216                    |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                                     | 4  | MINUS                  | 3  | = 1                     | X \$86      | \$ 86                     |
| [ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |  |                        |  |                         | + \$280     | \$ 0                      |
| EXTENSION<br>FEE                                     | 1ST MONTH<br>\$110.00                      | 2ND MONTH<br>\$420.00  | 3RD MONTH<br>\$950.00                        | 4TH MONTH<br>\$1480.00  |             | \$ 0                      |
| OTHER FEES   |  |                        |  |                         |             | \$                        |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT              |  |                        |  |                         |             | \$ 302                    |

Charge \$ 302 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

Ballard C. Bare

By *[Signature]*

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| In Re Application of<br>Ballard C. Bare  | Confirmation No.: 7323             |
| Serial No. 09/228,087  | Examiner:<br>Harper, Kevin C.      |
| Filing Date: January 11, 1999  |                                    |
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT F

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed March 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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02 FC:1201 86.00 DA